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"CLANDESTINE AMERICA" – NEW PUBLICATION OF THE ASSASSINATION INFORMATION BUREAU

by Edmund C. Berkeley, Editor

The first issue, July-August 1977, of the Washington Newsletter of the Assassination Information Bureau, entitled "Clandestine America", has been published. It is interesting and important, but very detailed.

The office of the AIB has been permanently moved from Cambridge, Mass., to: 1322 18th St. NW # 21, Washington, DC 20036. The phone number is (202) 857-0017.

An article, "New Chief Counsel", describes briefly G. Robert Blakey, new chief counsel of the House Select Committee on Assassinations.

"Ray's Escape" deals with James Earl Ray's short-lived escape from prison on June 10, 1977 in Tennessee. Ray was sentenced as the assassin of Martin Luther King, Jr., but claims he is innocent.

An article, "Secret War of CBS", describes and comments on events in 1961, 1962 and 1963 as reported in a "recent" (the date of it should have been given) two-hour documentary on CBS. According to the AIB there was considerable deception in the broadcast, but also some new facts and information.

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- facts, information, truth, and unanswered questions that are important to people, widely suppressed, and not adequately covered in the usual American press; and also to
- solutions to great problems that are functioning well in some countries or places, yet are almost never talked about in the usual American press.

An article, "Loran Hall", describes the interaction of a witness and the House Select Committee, which resulted in yielding no information to the committee.

A column, "Assassination Update", mentions recent news or recently acquired information about: Repr. John B. Anderson, a new member of the HSCA; Willem Oltmans, Dutch journalist; Sirhan Sirhan, convicted assassin of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, for whom there is extensive physical evidence that he could not possibly have fired the killing shot; Federal Judge Sam Perry, who dismissed a suit in Chicago against the Chicago police for killing Fred Hampton and Mark Clark, Black Panther leaders in 1969; Perry thus seeks to perpetuate an FBI conspiracy against the Panthers; and some other persons.

Students of political assassinations in the United States will need this publication very much. The AIB has asked for a stamped, self-addressed envelope in order to send out the next issue.

One thing distresses me greatly about the Newsletter: there are no names of authors attached to articles, and no names of editors on any masthead; and this I believe is a great failure in responsible reporting. Let us hope that the next and all later issues will show who takes the responsibility for saying what is said.

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